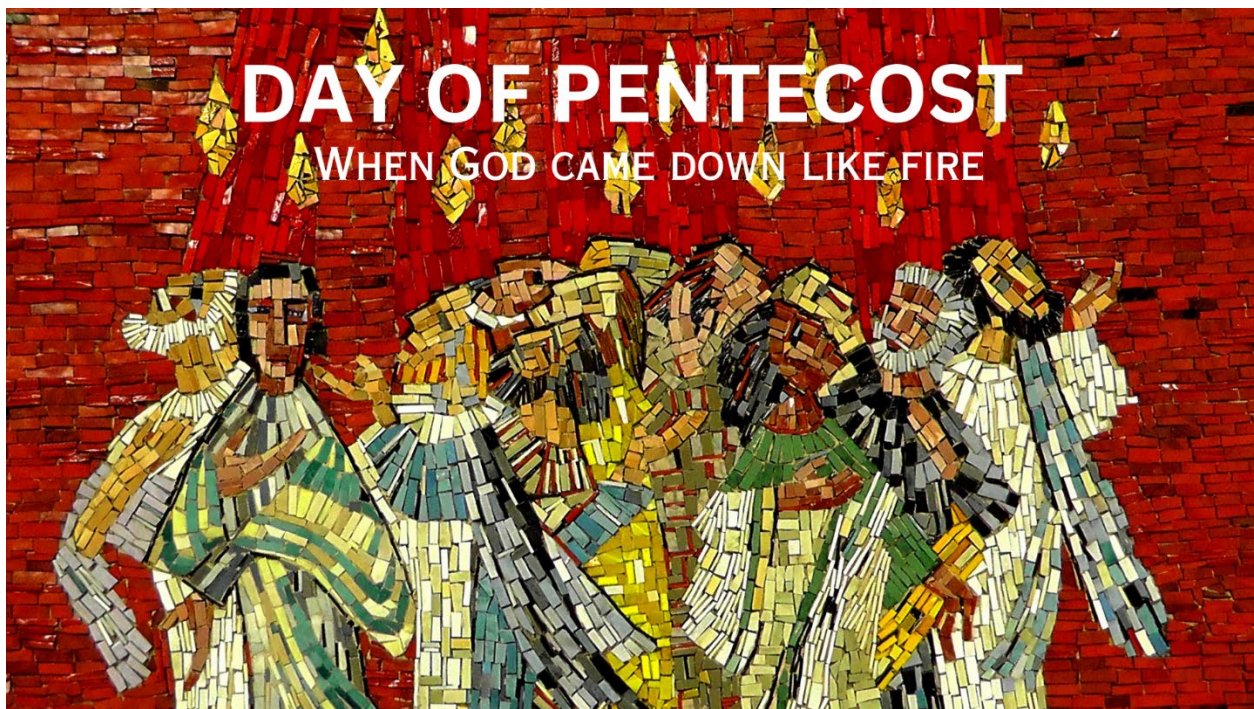


Faith Lutheran Church Andover, MA

May each person feel **invited** to this community,
equipped to use their gifts to the Glory of God,
and **sent** to serve.

Contemporary Worship Service
Sunday, May 28, 2023, 11:00 AM



Please know that we record or live-stream worship services from our church in order to reach out to those who are unable to attend in person, or who wish to participate in our services remotely. We share the recorded or live-streamed services with the general public on YouTube and other internet sites. If you would prefer not to be on camera, please sit in the back two rows and ask an usher for the pastor to distribute communion to you from your seat.

**To all who join us in worship online or in person,
you are welcome here!**

We invite you to share the sacrament of holy communion with us. If you are worshipping online, please prepare by having a piece of bread or cracker and a cup of wine, grape juice or water at your side. If you are worshipping in person, you will be invited to come forward around the communion table to receive the sacrament.

Words to the songs may be found in the back of the bulletin or on the screen.

We have a Connection Time from 10:15 AM – 11:00 AM each Sunday in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for coffee, learning, service or simply fellowship activities!

Please share your **prayer requests** either by writing them on the paper on the podium at the entrance to the worship space or by emailing them to prayers@faith-andover.org

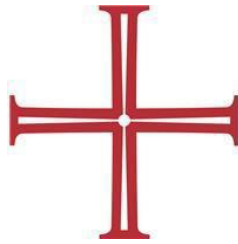
If you would like to be added to our **weekly email list** which shares upcoming events and activities, sign up on our website: www.faith-andover.org

For **pastoral care needs or to chat**, contact Pastor Jen at 978-806-8255 or email jen@faith-andover.org or drop in at Caffé Nero in Andover on Wednesdays between 10:00 AM and Noon.

We use **Facebook** and **Instagram**. Find us @Faith.Andover and @faithandover

Welcome!

We pray this time enriches your spiritual life.



GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Welcome

Song "Matchless"

Greeting with Peace

Question of the day: When have you experienced extraordinary weather?

Call to Worship

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place.

ALL: Today, we gather in many places,

From Jerusalem to Galilee, from Stockholm to Pretoria.

ALL: From Rome to Arabia, from Las Vegas to Cleveland.

God's Spirit still blows like a mighty wind

ALL: Breathing new life into our sails.

God's Spirit still burns like tongues of flame

ALL: Dancing over our heads.

God's Spirit still flows like currents of living water

ALL: Connecting hearts and lands of all believers.

Let us worship God, from whom all life's blessings flow!

Opening Prayer

O Holy Spirit, come and blow through this gathering space with a Mighty Wind as you did with the apostles at the beginning of the Church. Pour your Spirit upon us all to speak your words, see your vision, dream your dreams toward your great and glorious day when everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. Flow like rivers of living water from the hearts of believers through the songs of praise, words of worship, and prayers of devotion.

ALL: Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Reading: Acts 2:1-11, 41-42

When Pentecost Day arrived, they were all together in one place.

Suddenly a sound from heaven like the howling of a fierce wind filled the entire house where they were sitting.

Turn on fans

They saw what seemed to be individual flames of fire alighting on each one of them.

Those with candle lights, turn on lights

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

Those in the congregation will say in different languages "God loves you!"

There were pious Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem.

When they heard this sound, a crowd gathered. They were mystified because everyone heard them speaking in their native languages.

They were surprised and amazed, saying, "Aren't all of these people from the same place in Galilee? How can they be talking in so many languages at once?"

Those with streamers start waving streamers.

We are from Afghanistan and Turkmenistan, Iran and Iraq, Israel and many parts of Turkey, including near Istanbul and Ankara; some of us are from Egypt and northern Libya, or visiting from Rome in Italy, from the island of Crete or from Saudi Arabia. But still we all hear the apostles speaking about God's deeds of power in our own languages.

They were all surprised and bewildered. Some asked each other, "What does this mean?"

Turn to someone near you and ask, "What does this mean?"

Others jeered at them, saying, "They're full of new wine!"

Congregation repeats, together: "They're full of new wine!"

Peter stood with the other eleven apostles. He raised his voice and declared,

"Judeans and everyone living in Jerusalem! Know this! Listen carefully to my words! These people aren't drunk, as you suspect; after all, it's only nine o'clock in the morning! Rather, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Water is poured into the baptismal font.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young will see visions. Your elders will dream dreams.

Even upon my servants, men and women and all people, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.

Congregation says together two times: "God is doing a new thing! God is doing a new thing!"

I will cause wonders to occur in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and a cloud of smoke. The sun will be changed into darkness, and the moon will be changed into blood, before the great and spectacular day of the Lord comes.

And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

ALL: "Everyone! Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord!"

Children's Message

Gospel Reading: John 7:37-39

³⁷On the last day of the festival [of Booths], the great day, while Jesus was standing [in the temple], he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, ³⁸and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" ³⁹Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Message

Rev. Jeanette D. Leisk

Song“King of Kings”

Affirmation of Faith

ALL: We believe in God the Father, who created the world, was faithful when we were not, and who continuously seeks to redeem the world.

We believe in God the Son, Jesus Christ, who humbled himself by becoming human and moving into our neighborhood; was sent by the Father to give us life; embodied and taught the righteous love of God; and who, though he knew no sin, became sin and was put to death on a cross.

We believe that three days later, Jesus Christ was raised from the dead by the power of God; was seen in bodily form by his disciples.

We believe that the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus gives us victory over any form of sin and brokenness and allows us to know the full love of God for the world.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who actively works in our lives, giving us grace to be like Jesus, and sends us to show God’s love for the world.

Amen.

Prayers

Passionate God, you sent your Spirit through the gifts of fire, wind, and word. As you equipped the disciples for their work, equip us to bring the good news to all those who long for you. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Restoring God, wind and flame bring life and destruction throughout the world. We pray for those who work with wind energy, for migratory birds, for protection for lands facing destructive fire, for forestry managers and firefighters. We pray for Guam in the midst of dangerous weather this week. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Ever-present God, your spirit embraces all. Send your spirit of understanding to immigrants, refugees, and any experiencing language barriers. Bless the work of translators, ESL teachers, ambassadors, and international peace organizations. Safely guide those fleeing war and danger. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Merciful God, you anoint us with your spirit. Bless nurses, doctors, midwives, chaplains, counselors, and hospice workers as they care for those in need. We pray for all who seek your comfort, especially Lolly, Roland, Barbara, Nancy and Steve, Nicolas, Ken and Jeanette, Andrew, Laine and Drew, Ken, Phil, and James. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Generous God, you impart a variety of gifts. Set aflame the desire to learn from one another, especially those who differ from us. Make your presence known through the outreach ministries of our synod and community. We pray especially for End Hunger Now. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Life-giving God, we give thanks for those who have died to new life in you. As we observe Memorial Day, we remember those who died in military service. Comfort all who mourn, and usher in a world where war is no more. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for the concerns and celebrations named by our community today...

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ’s resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

ALL: Amen.

Offering

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Gifts may be made with cash, check, or online <https://tinyurl.com/fnem2ht6>



Song “Shine on Us”

Offering Prayer

Heavenly God, even as the first believers did in the early church, we lay our gifts at the feet of the apostles. May these gifts support the ministry of our congregation as well as strengthen the wider community. Give our leaders gifts of discernment for wisest possible use of these resources which we dedicate to you today. Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you!

ALL: Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

These words are called the "Words of Institution" and describe the meal Jesus and his friends shared the night before he was crucified.

When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, baptizing us with the Holy Spirit and with fire, as on the Day of Pentecost.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

This is a form of the prayer Jesus taught his followers when they asked him to teach them how to pray.

**ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

Wherever you are in your faith journey, you are welcome to come to the table for Communion.

Distribution of Communion

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

At this time, those gathered at home may share the elements of bread and wine that you have at your home communion table.

Those gathered in person will be invited to come forward at the direction of an usher and kneel or stand around the communion table. You will be given a wafer (gluten-free are also available) by the pastor, which you may then consume. An assisting minister will invite you to take a pre-filled cup of white wine or red grape juice, which you may then consume before returning to your seat.

If you prefer to stay at your seat and have the pastor bring you communion, please let an usher know.

Song “You are my All in All”

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Holy God,

at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus.

With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise,

empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors

and touch the world with your love.

ALL: Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

Dear friends, God’s Holy Spirit goes with you, blows with you, and flows with you.

So let us be as Living Water, flowing from within this worship service out to a thirsty world.

May God the Father, +Son and Holy Spirit bless you and keep you.

ALL: Amen.

Song “You Shine”

Announcements

PRAYER LIST

for Lolly Wigall,
for Roland Jacobson,
for Barbara Payson,
for Nancy and Steve, as they grieve the death of daughter, Megan,
for Nicolas Stemkoski, grandson of Rita Zielstorff,
for Ken and Jeanette Muller (Ellen's brother in law and sister in law,
Lynn's uncle and aunt)
for Kate Robinson's nephew Andrew, and his parents, Laine and Drew,
for the Rohr family, especially Ken,
for Phil Liaboe and James Lino.

We are a praying congregation. In order to keep our prayer list current,
please let us know of any additions or changes by email to prayers@faith-andover.org.
We will pray in worship for 3 weeks, unless you tell us otherwise.

Those Serving in Worship Today

Presider/Preacher: The Rev. Jeanette D. Leisk

Praise Band Leader: Ingrid Marstaller

Praise Band members include:

James Ball, Greg Bird, Bill Hartzell, Brian Scanlon, Abby Schoppe, Dave Schweizer,
Tammy Skwierczynski, Rebecca Zammuto

Altar Care: Caroline D'Agostino, Suzanne Neuman

Worship Technology: John Breiland, Bill Mark Langdell



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Affirmation of Faith by Brian Miller from <https://missionalorientation.wordpress.com/2011/04/21/an-easter-affirmation-of-faith/>

“Matchless”

Son of Man, Great I Am, King of Heaven, Son of God, You hold the measure of my days
Holy Lamb, Spotless Lamb, you are worthy, I am not, before Your throne I stand
amazed

Every tongue confess and every knee will bow
To Jesus Christ, the Lord forever, hear our praises now

Ch Your Name is matchless, Your Name is priceless Your Name means more than I
could know

You're so far above me, the way that You love me Goes further than any love could go

2. Wonderful, Counselor, Root of David, Morning Star, You are the Way, the Truth,
the Life

Lion of the tribe of Judah, Mighty God is who You are, the only perfect Sacrifice

p-c Every tongue confess and every knee will bow
To Jesus Christ, the Lord forever, hear our praises now

Ch Your Name is matchless, Your Name is priceless

Your Name means more than I could know

You're so far above me, the way that You love me

Goes further than any love could go

Br soft In Your Name You took the blind man, and You gave him back his sight

In Your Name You took the dead man, and You brought him back to life

In Your Name You took the pris'ner, and You opened up the doors

And I will sing before Your throne forevermore

Ch softly Your Name is matchless, Your Name is priceless

Your Name means more than I could know

You're so far above me, the way that You love me

Goes further than any love could go

Ch strong Your Name is matchless, Your Name is priceless

Your Name means more than I could know

You're so far above me, the way that You love me

Goes further than any love could go

“King of Kings”

Vs 1 In the darkness we were waiting, without hope, without light
Till from heaven You came running, there was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfil the law and prophets to a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt

Chorus Praise the Father, Praise the Son, Praise the spirit, three in One
God of Glory, Majesty, Praise forever to the King of kings

Vs. 2 To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake You died

Chorus Praise the Father, Praise the Son, Praise the spirit, three in One
God of Glory, Majesty, Praise forever to the King of kings

Vs. 3 And the morning that you rose, all of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs and the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored

Vs. 4 And the church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this gospel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name, in His freedom I am free
For the Love of Jesus Christ, who has resurrected me

Chorus Praise the Father, Praise the Son, Praise the spirit, three in One
God of Glory, Majesty, Praise forever to the King of kings
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“Shine on us”

1. Lord, let Your light, light of Your face shine on us
Lord, let Your light, light of Your face shine on us

That we may be saved, that we may have life
To find our way in the darkest night
Let Your light shine on us

2. Lord, let Your grace, grace from Your hand fall on us
Lord, let Your grace, grace from Your hand fall on us
That we may be saved, that we may have life
To find our way in the darkest night
Let Your grace fall on us

3. Lord, let Your love, love with no end come over us
Lord, let Your love, love with no end come over us
That we may be saved, that we may have life
To find our way in the darkest night
Let Your love come over us
Let Your light shine on us.

“YOU ARE MY ALL IN ALL”

V.1 You are my strength when I am weak

You are the treasure that I seek

You are my all in all

Seeking you as a precious jewel

Lord, to give up I'd be a fool

You are my all in all

Ch. Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your Name

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your Name

V.2 Taking my sin, my cross, my shame, Rising again I bless your name

You are my all in all

When I fall down, you pick me up, When I am dry, you fill my cup

You are my all in all

Men:

Women:

Ch +2 Jesus

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame

Lamb of God

Rising again I bless your Name

Worthy is Your Name

You are my all in all

Jesus

When I fall down, you pick me up,

Lamb of God

When I am dry, you fill my cup

Worthy is Your Name

You are my all in all

Ch. Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your Name

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“You Shine”

Verse Why should I fear man, when You made the heavens
Why should I be afraid when You put the stars in place
Why should I lose heart, when I know how great You are
Why should I give up, when Your plans are full of love?

Chorus You shine, brighter than the brightest star
Your love, purer than the purest heart
You shine, filling us with courage and strength to follow You

Verse

Chorus

Bridge In this world we will have trouble, but You have overcome the world
You have overcome the world

Chorus You shine, brighter than the brightest star
Your love, purer than the purest heart
You shine, filling us with courage and strength to follow You...

Chorus ... shine, brighter than the brightest star
Your love, purer than the purest heart
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